Corporation under Sub-Section 2, of Section 16 of the Employees' Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952. The Central Government has yet to take a decision in the matter.

Task force on employment opportunities

1061. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the report of the Task Force on the employment opportunities setup by the Planning Commission including the macro-economic and sectorial policies suggested by the Task Force to facilitate employment generation in the country;

(b) the details of the recommendations as made by the Task Force and the recommendations as accepted by Government; and

(c) by when the recommendations as accepted by Government are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) to (c) The Planning Commission set up a Task Force on Employment Opportunities under the Chairmanship of Shri M.S. Ahluwalia.The Report of the Task Force was received in July 2001, and a copy was placed in Parliament Library. The recommendations of this Task Force were considered by a Special Group on Targeting Ten Million Employment Opportunities per year over the Tenth Plan Period under the Chairmanship of Dr. S.P. Gupta, Member, Planning Commission. The recommendations of this Group were included in the Tenth Plan. A copy each of the Report of the Special Group, and the Tenth Plan Document, were placed in Parliament Library.

Funds for NER

1062. SHRI DWIJENDRANATH SHARMAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allotted to Assam and other States of NER for development of rural, hilly, backward and adivasi areas during the last three years;

(b) whether Government have increased the annual plan outlay of NER for the year 2002-03 as compared to the previous year;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) Given in Statement-I *(See* below).

(b) and (c) Yes. Increase in Plan outlay of 2002-03 of NER States ranges from 2.27% to 16.58% (details in Statement-ll). *(See* below)

(d) Does not arise.

Statement-I

Details of funds allocated to Assam and other States of NER for development of rural, hilly, backward and adivasi areas

(a) Allocations under Hill Areas Development Programme for the last three years are as follows:

(Rs. Crore)

State	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Assam	50.90	51.11	51.11

Note: HADP covers the designated hill areas of Assam only.

(b-1) Allocation for Rural Development Schemes, NE States

(Rs. in Crores)

State	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Arunachal Pradesh	135.75	141.14	117.09
Assam	899.70	874.49	740.25
Manipur	123.45	119.21	102.85
Meghalaya	132.22	127.12	98.47
Mizoram	68.66	75.63	59.45
Nagaland	97.12	101.81	83.95
Sikkim	48.26	44.99	37.74
Tripura	145.40	140.11	110.16

(B-2) Allocation of Additional Central Assistance for Pradhan Mantri. Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY)

(Rs. in Crores)

State	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Arunachal Pradesh	68.17	68.17	65.00
Assam	179.57	201.12	190.00
Manipur	48.56	54.39	48.00
Meghalaya •	40.59	45.46	41.12
Mizoram	40.41	50.41	43.00
Nagaland	41.13	45.26	45.26
Sikkim	28.11	37.98	30.00
Tripura	50.83	70.84	50.00

(c) Amount Allocated for the welfare of SCs/STs and OBCs -NE State

(Rs in crore)

State	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0
Assam	17.13	25.29	52.93
Manipur	8.30	4.21	12.14
Meghalaya	0.10	0.10	0.10
Mizoram	0	0	0
Nagaland	0	0	0
Sikkim	2.35	4.70	5.50
Tripura	18.68	17.67	46.14

Statement-ll

Approved outlay of North Eastern States

(Rs in crore)

State	2001 -02	2002-03	Percentage increase in 2002-03
1	2	3	4
Arunachal Pradesh	661.00	676.00	2.27
Assam	1,710	1750.00	2.34

1	2	3	4
Manipur	520.00	550.00	5.77
Meghalaya	487.00	545.00	11.91
Mizoram	410.00	430.00	4.88
Nagaland	405.00	424.00	4.69
Sikkim	300.22	350.00	16.58
Tripura	560.00	625.00	11.61

Development of border areas in Jammu and Kashmir

1063. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given any aid to develop border areas in Jammu & Kashmir during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details of the amount given as aid; and

(c) whether the amount given so was used for the purpose for which it was given?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Special Central Assistance is provided on 100% grant basis under the Border Area Development Programme (BADP) to the border Blocks of Jammu & Kashmir. An amount of Rs. 39.65 crore was provided in 2000-01, Rs. 34.85 crore in 2001-02 and Rs. 100 crore in 2002-03.

(c) The State Government has reported cent per cent utilization of funds till 2001-02 under the Border Area Development Programme. In 2002-03, the State Government utilized 81 per cent of the funds made available.